

SENATE RESOLUTION 171

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A RESOLUTION to commend Donna and Tom Sullivan, owners of Hot Bagel Company, for nourishing the bodies and spirits of their customers in Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this Senate should pause to pay tribute to those fine dining establishments that serve the gastronomical needs of our citizens, while also delighting their taste buds and feeding their spirits; and

WHEREAS, Hot Bagel Company is one such outstanding restaurant that has attracted a diverse and loyal clientele by providing delicious New York bagels and attentive service to its many satisfied customers since its opening day on November 24, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Tom and Donna Sullivan, with the help of their daughter Katie, are the esteemed owners of this popular "mom and pop" store in Oak Ridge that serves twenty-two varieties of bagels and fifty different sandwiches; Hot Bagel Company also has kiosks located at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and at the Spallation Neutron Source; and

WHEREAS, Hot Bagel Company is the type of store where culturally-diverse locals find comfort food, famous people dine, and customers rally together to raise money for a variety of worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivans educated themselves on the fine particulars of making bagels from scratch at a friend's store in Fishkill, New York; starting at two o'clock in the morning, they boil and bake their bagels fresh every day, and they also make their own breads and pastries; and

WHEREAS, culinary purists, the Sullivans learned to make their German bread in Düsseldorf, Germany, and their French bread from a Paris chef; their store is kosher, having been blessed by a Rabbi; and

WHEREAS, Hot Bagel Company was also the first store in Oak Ridge to offer an array of popular coffee drinks, including Cappuccinos, Lattes, and Espressos; and

WHEREAS, in its thirteen years of existence, the company has expanded from its original 850 square-foot building to 2,400 square-feet, and is now better able to meet the needs of a growing customer base who enjoy the fellowship and comforts of a warm and inviting family-owned establishment; and

WHEREAS, through the generous donations of its appreciative customers, Hot Bagel Company has sent 800 pounds of coffee to the 278th Battalion stationed at Camp Caldwell in Iraq, provided for families in need at Christmas, and raised money for breast cancer awareness through a unique contest involving Donna's work schedule; and

WHEREAS, a variety of celebrities have feasted on Hot Bagel Company's delicious fare, including the University of Tennessee's Lady Volunteers, Super Bowl Most Valuable Player, Peyton Manning, Vice President Al Gore, U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander, U.S. Senator Bob Corker, the U.S. National Rowing Team, former Wildcat and Olympic Gold Medalist in basketball Jennifer Azzi, the Toronto Blue Jays, the University of North Carolina girls' basketball team, the cast of *October Sky*, as well as Dr. Henry Kissinger and the grandson of Winston Churchill, Sir Winston Churchill, during a conference hosted by Ambassador Howard Baker; the Sullivans have sent bagels to the Governor of Tennessee and they've had the opportunity to speak to President George Bush; and

WHEREAS, Tom Sullivan is a laid back and quiet Boston native; and

WHEREAS, Donna Sullivan, a red-headed dynamo, is the daughter of Bettye and the late Don Maxwell, who served as Chamber of Commerce President and as a Bank President; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivans, who work year-round with the exception of their annual week-long vacation to Destin, have distinguished themselves as public-spirited citizens of the highest order and as exceptional assets to their community; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding success and stellar reputation that Hot Bagel Company has attained would not have been possible without the hard work, dedication, and perseverance of the Sullivans, who represent two of the finest restaurant industry minds in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Oak Ridge greatly appreciate the valuable contribution that Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan are making to the dining experience in their community and have honored Hot Bagel Company with their patronage for thirteen years; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we do hereby commend and honor Tom and Donna Sullivan of Hot Bagel Company in Oak Ridge for their authentic and delectable sandwiches and pastries, exemplary customer service, and stellar community outreach efforts, as we wish these fine folks all the best in their future culinary endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.